

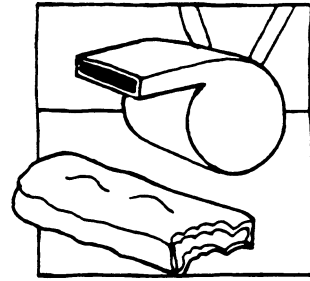
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Name _____



Substituting Strong Words I

Strong words and adjectives help create clear images (pictures) in the reader's mind. Rewrite each sentence below substituting a stronger, more vivid word for each underlined word.

Example: The three little kittens said, "We've lost our mittens."

The three little kittens whimpered, "We've lost our mittens."

1. The mother talked quietly.

2. The children talked together.

3. This is a good chocolate bar.

4. This is a good composition.

5. He ate the chocolate bar quickly.

6. He ate his food slowly.

7. The whistle blew.

8. The wind blew through the house.

9. The leaves fell from the trees.

10. The snow fell to the ground.

Name _____



Writing Similes

A writer can create images by comparing two unrelated things. Such a comparison using “like” or “as” is called a **simile** (sīm' ə lē).

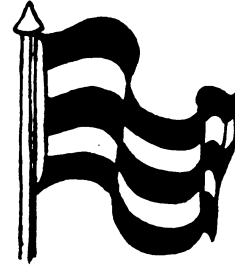
Example: She was frail, **like an antique clock**.

He is **as hungry as a bear**.

Directions: Complete each of the following sentences by adding a simile.

1. The comet was like a bright _____ shooting through the sky.
2. The lemon drop was as sour as _____
3. The volcano sat above the town like _____
4. Priscilla burst into the room like _____
5. The whistle shrilled through the town like _____
6. The box was as heavy as _____
7. The maths problem is as complicated as _____
8. Michael drove the car like _____ through the city streets.
9. The book was as frightening as _____
10. Mindy's voice was as soft as _____ when she spoke in front of the class.

Name _____



Writing Metaphors

A **metaphor** is like a simile. Metaphors create images by comparing two different objects. A metaphor is different from a simile because it does not use “like” or “as.”

Example: He was a **hungry bear**.
Her pillow was a **soft, fluffy cloud**.

Directions: Complete each of the following sentences by adding a metaphor.

1. The cyclone was a _____ which destroyed the town.
2. The streetlight was a _____ in the dark night.
3. The fire, a _____, roared through the town.
4. The snake, a _____, lay motionless in the grass.
5. One lone flag, _____, remained on the battlefield.
6. Father Christmas's beard _____

7. The witch's broomstick _____

8. His hearty laugh _____

9. The thick grass, _____, cushioned the girl's feet.
10. One white sailboat remained _____
